

perceived, that it was not becoming little boys or girls to complain against the will of Providence. "I very well remember, (said this pretty shepherdess) what our good Mr. Stubbs told us one day, that though we are apt to be frightened at storms and tempests, yet there would be no living without them; for that they put the air in motion, and thereby sweeten it, destroying all those little animals that fly over our heads, and sometimes even into our stomachs, and then make us sick. I have often observed how sweet every thing smells after a shower of rain, and what a beautiful appearance all the flowers and herbage of the fields then put on. I will no more complain of the rain."

"What I have now been reading, (said Amintor) puts me in mind of what our good parson told us one day, when we were talking about riches and fine clothes. He observed, that these things
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often bring great inconveniences with them. Amarillis and her brother, in the history I have been just reading, had new clothes, which made them unhappy on two occasions: first, that they could not go abroad to shew them; and, secondly, for fear the rain should spoil them. Now you and I, my dear Florella, who have no more clothes than backs, feel no anxieties of that sort."

"I remember it very well, (said Florella) and here is a passage in this little book, which I will read to you. "Though riches are not to be despised, since they not only procure us all the pleasures and comforts of this life, and put it in our power to relieve the necessities of the poor and distressed, yet we must not pursue them with too much eagerness, since they are apt to make us forget ourselves, and lead us into dangerous errors. Idleness and inactivity generally accompany riches, and those
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